

WEATHER: Rain Saturday and Sunday. Fresh east to southeast winds.

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## CONFESSED HIS CRIME ON GALLOWES YESTERDAY

**Ex-Mayor McCue Who Was Hanged for Murder of His Wife Left Confession of His Guilt With Spiritual Advisors.**

### BRUTAL MURDER IS AVENGED

**Guilty Man Protested His Innocence Until the Day of Hanging.**

CRIME WAS COMMITTED LAST SEPTEMBER AND MURDERER WAS ONE OF MOST PROMINENT AND HIGHLY RESPECTED CITIZENS IN STATE OF VIRGINIA.

Charlottesville, Va., Feb. 10.—J. Samuel McCue, formerly mayor of this city, was hanged in the county jail here at 7:24 o'clock this morning for the murder of his wife on Sunday, September 4, 1904. McCue was pronounced dead eight minutes after the trap had been sprung.

Immediately after the execution McCue's three spiritual advisors gave out the following signed statement:

**His Confession.**

"J. Samuel McCue stated this morning in our presence and requested us to make public that he did not wish to leave this world with suspicion resting on any human being other than himself; that he alone was responsible for the deed, impelled to it by an evil power beyond his control, and that he recognized his sentence as just."

**Died Without a Tremor.**

McCue ascended the scaffold without a tremor. In his cell he listened calmly to the reading of his death warrant and when Sergeant Rogers asked, "Do you think if I gave you my arm you would be able to walk to the scaffold?" he calmly replied, "I can walk without your aid."

On the scaffold not a muscle moved as the prisoner was placed over the trap, his arms pinned, ankles strapped, black cap folded, and the noose adjusted.

Before placing the rope about his neck Sergeant Rogers whispered to him, asking him if he wanted to make a statement. "No, none at all," was the answer. The condemned man stood without moving and with the utmost calmness, died without saying a word.

**McCue's Crime.**

J. Samuel McCue was 46 years old and twice had been mayor of Charlottesville. The tragedy for which he paid the penalty created more interest than any other crime that has occurred in the state in the past quarter century.

On Sunday night, September 4, McCue, accompanied by his wife, went to church and they returned home about 8:15 o'clock. Within fifteen minutes after they had repaired to their room to retire for the night the city was aroused by messenger announcing the murder of Mrs. McCue, and friends, physicians and officers hurried to the McCue home. Mrs. McCue was found dead in the bathroom and McCue was lying on the floor with an abrasion on his cheek and feigning unconsciousness. He later asserted that the attack had been made by an unknown white man, who had climbed through a window. Mrs. McCue had been dealt a blow that broke her nose and her left ear had been almost severed by a second blow. Death was caused by a gunshot wound just above the heart. McCue never was able to explain the presence in the bathroom of a small piece of cotton undershirt which fitted exactly a torn place in the shirt which he had on when the officers arrived. Two women figured in the reports that were circulated as to the cause of the murder and a letter filled with endearing language sent him by one of his women clients was produced at the trial. McCue had quarreled with his wife a number of times. She was forty years old and the mother of four children. The coroner jury held McCue for the murder three days after it occurred and he had since been confined in the jail, vehemently protesting his innocence. His trial was concluded November 5 and he was convicted, the jury being out only twenty-six minutes.

**Plunged Over Precipice.**

New York, Feb. 10.—Blatter and Zimmermann, Swiss citizens, have, according to a Herald dispatch from Geneva, been swept over a mountain precipice and killed. They were climbing a mountain near the Hun and were caught in an avalanche.

**A Legal Capture.**

Nassau, Feb. 10.—The prize court has adjudicated the Austrian steamer Siam seized by the Japanese off Hikkaido, January 31, while bound from Cardiff for Vladivostok with coal, and her cargo to be a legal capture.

**Still Doing Business.**

Warsaw, Feb. 10.—The report of the death of General Tcherkoff (published by the London papers this morning), is unfounded. He continues to receive reports and sign documents as usual.

## ATLANTA COMPLETELY SHUT OFF FROM THE WORLD

**No Telegraphic Communication Out of that City Since Tuesday Night and Darkness Also Reigns.**

### THOUSANDS OF POLES ARE DOWN

**Frozen Rain Breaks Wires and Ice-Laden Trees Are Borne to Ground.**

IN MEMORY OF OLDEST INHABITANT NO SIMILAR DESTRUCTION HAS EVER VISITED CITY—NOT A STREET CAR WHEEL HAS TURNED FOR THREE DAYS.

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 10.—(Special by Mail.)—All weather records have been smashed in Atlanta for the past three days. Though the temperature has been nothing extreme, the rain which has fallen froze as it fell and completed the work begun by the sleet of Saturday and Sunday.

The city was completely tied up throughout today. Neither afternoon paper carried a line of telegraph matter and the Constitution appeared this morning with a seven column line across the front page announcing that not a line in it had reached the office by wire.

Street cars stood still throughout the day and last night the city was in almost total darkness. Falling trees and poles had made such a tangle of wires outside the district where they are underground that the city authorities refused to allow the current to be turned into the mains for fear of scattering death and conflagration.

**Telegraph Companies Not Operating.**

Both telegraph companies are completely out of business as were the long distance lines of the telephone company and the city was entirely cut off from the outside world. During the whole of yesterday and last night the Associated Press did not succeed in getting a line of news into the city and Atlantians who read their papers over their breakfast this morning knew no more of what happened in the world yesterday than newspaper readers knew in the days before Morse made his great discovery.

There has been much suffering from the cold and wet and physicians fear an epidemic of pneumonia as a result of the exposure, which the lack of transportation facilities has forced on the business population, but so far no loss of life has been reported as due to weather conditions.

Business has been paralyzed, all social affairs have been called off, and even funerals postponed.

**Thousands of Poles Down.**

Locally the street car system is completely knocked out, and not a wheel has turned since midnight of Tuesday. No electric lights have been in use in the city outside of the immediate center of the city, where the wires are run underground. Since Sunday night, with the exception of a brief period between the storm of Sunday and that which followed on Tuesday afternoon and night, railroad communication has been in much better shape, but as no wires have been available for the management of trains, the schedules have been uncertainly maintained and trains have been arriving from a few minutes to ten hours late.

Southern Superintendent Lavine of the Western Union reports this morning the possibility of reaching outside points by tonight, but he says that within his jurisdiction, fully three thousand poles are down. C. H. Bristol, general superintendent of construction of the Western Union Telegraph Company, has arrived from New York to take charge of the situation, bringing with him about two hundred men, besides large quantities of material for repairs and reconstruction.

Neither office will venture an estimate of the damage caused by the two storms of sleet which came so close together. The damage caused by the storm of Sunday had been largely overcome when the second storm came, undoing all repair work that had been made and adding enormously to the original damage.

The company reports that the most serious damage seems to have been done in the vicinity of Atlanta, although the meager reports from Memphis and New Orleans indicate that the territory west of Georgia has been a severe sufferer.

**Worse in Memory of Oldest Inhabitant.**

Postal Telegraph Company reports similar damage, and its officials here confirm the report that Atlanta seems to have been the center of the storm troubles.

Locally the situation is the worst in the memory of the oldest inhabitants. Besides the damage to wires in the city, the loss to the shade trees has been enormous. The ice in every part of the city. Immense trees have been torn up by the roots and have fallen across the wires, delaying and shutting off completely all street car traffic, lighting and telephone communication. The street car company has reported itself ready to

## SWAYNE'S CASE IS CALLED

**Judge Appears With His Attorneys Before Tribunal of Senators.**

### TWO TEXAS PEOPLE TESTIFY

**They Tell of Expense Accounts Made in Texas While Holding Court There.**

SESSION WAS VERY BRIEF WHEN SENATE AS A COURT ADJOURNED—ONLY TWO WITNESSES WERE CALLED DURING DAY.

Washington, Feb. 10.—The senate began the trial of Judge Chas. Swayne, of the northern district of Florida, in impeachment proceedings today.

Mr. Palmer, who is one of the committee of managers conducting the prosecution, made a statement on behalf of the house, and witnesses then testified as to Judge Swayne's hotel bills while holding court in Texas.

Judge Swayne was present with his attorneys, ex-Senators Higgins and Thurston.

The case opened by the presentation of numerous documents, among them being certificates of Swayne's expenses and receipts for money paid by him while holding court in Texas. The first witness was Payne W. Chase, a hotel clerk at Tyler, Texas. In 1890, who made a statement as to Swayne's expenses.

Susan L. Downs, of Waco, Texas, also testified on the same subject. Neither of these witnesses were cross-examined and there were no other witnesses called.

The senate as a court then adjourned.

### DREDGE ST. JOHNS IS A SUCCESS

GIVEN THREE DAYS' TRIAL OFF SANDY HOOK, AND DID GOOD WORK.

Speaking of the dredge St. Johns, which is to be used at Jacksonville, the Army and Navy Register of recent date says:

"The dredge St. Johns has recently had a three-days' successful demonstration of her sea-going and dredging qualities at Sandy Hook. This is the first of two vessels now being constructed by the James Reilly Repair and Supply Company for the United States Corps of Engineers, and was built to dredge sand from the mouth of the St. Johns river, Florida. Through suction pipes 18 inches in diameter, sand is pumped by means of two powerful centrifugal sand pumps which discharge the heavier material into bins constructed in the hold of the vessel. In these bins is carried out to sea and discharged through numerous sluices in the bottom of the hull. In addition to a vertical inverted compound engine of about seven hundred horsepower, the vessel has the usual auxiliary machinery fitted to regular steamships, and will each carry a crew of about thirty-six men. They are lighted by electricity and are generally fitted out in a first-class manner."

The St. Johns' sister ship is the Caucus, and will be used at Pensacola.

### TRANSFERRED TO NAVAL HOSPITAL AT NORFOLK.

Hospital Steward H. P. Harrison, of the Gloucester, which went out of commission at the navy yard today, left last night for the Naval Hospital at Norfolk to which place he has been assigned. He was accompanied by two bluejackets, one of whom goes to Norfolk and the other to Annapolis.

**Fire in Oskaloosa.**

Des Moines, Iowa, Feb. 10.—Fire today wrecked five of the principal business blocks of Oskaloosa, entailing a loss of \$150,000, partially covered by insurance.

## Colorado River is on Wild Rampage

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 10.—A special from Yuma, Ariz., says: The Colorado river has risen three and one-half feet in 24 hours. At midnight last night it registered 29 feet, which is the highest water since the 1891 flood, when it was 33 feet, and the town was wiped out. Citizens with shovels and scraper teams have la-

## NORTHERN HOMESLERS ARE LOOKING SOUTHWARD

**Railroads Get Letters by the Hundred Asking for Rates, Information, Facts and Figures About the South.**

### LATER REPORT OF IOWA WRECK

KILLED AND INJURED NUMBER TWENTY-SIX—NOT SO MANY AS FIRST REPORTED.

Des Moines, Iowa, Feb. 10.—Two men were killed, another is missing and supposed to be dead, twenty-four people were injured, eight passenger cars and an engine piled in the ditch and a 200-foot bridge wrecked as the result of a broken rail on the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railroad near Melbourne.

The wrecked train was the overland limited No. 1 which left Chicago Wednesday night. There were nine coaches, pulled by two engines. The bridge was destroyed by the impact of the derailed cars. The observation car on the rear of the train kept the track.

The killed:

H. M. MARSH, conductor.

C. A. MORRIS, brakeman.

The injured:

F. H. REID, Perry, Iowa.

GEO. W. LAROW, baggageman, Chicago.

C. W. JENSEN, mail clerk, Cedar Rapids.

DAVID M. WAY, Marion Junction, S. D.

C. S. LAWSON, mail clerk, Marion.

D. A. HALLIGAN, Mooreland, Iowa.

CLARENCE ONGMAN, Chicago.

ANNA DISINGER, Perry, Iowa.

MINNIE TAYLOR, Sheraton, Ohio.

J. H. WIXELL, Chicago.

H. R. GOYBE, St. Louis.

### \$4,000 DOG 'HERO' DIED YESTERDAY

HE WAS KEPT AT J. P. MORGAN'S KENNELS AND WAS CONSIDERED GREATEST DOG EVER KNOWN.

New York, Feb. 10.—Sefton Hero, by many dog fanciers considered the most typical and greatest collie ever known, is dead at the kennels of J. P. Morgan in Highland Falls, N. Y.

The dog won many championship titles here and in Europe. He was brought from England nine years ago and was 15 years old. The animal was valued at \$4,000.

### TELEGRAPH LINES ARE STILL DOWN

OVER TWO THOUSAND POLES DOWN IN VICINITY OF ATLANTA ALONE—SERVICE BADLY CRIPPLED.

Leonard Cox, of New York, traveling auditor of the Western Union Telegraph Co., was in the city yesterday on business connected with the company.

Referring to the trouble the company is having in the south Mr. Cox said that over 2,000 telegraph poles were down in and near Atlanta and that it was doubtful when the company would be able to fully resume communication. He said that the construction department had 300 men at work and that the company was working the men day and night in an effort to straighten out the wires.

Owing to the necessity of refusing business during the past week the receipts of the local office have fallen off fully two-thirds and if the proportion is the same at all offices the loss to the company will foot up thousands of dollars.

### FORMER U. S. ATTORNEY NOW UNDER INDICTMENT FOR FRAUD.

Portland, Oregon, Feb. 10.—Former United States Attorney John Hall was indicted by the federal grand jury today in connection with the land frauds which are now under investigation.

bored all night strengthening weak points. The government levee on the Gila side is generally conceded to be safe, but the embankments on the Colorado river are causing grave apprehension, as several breaks have occurred there, one near the territorial prison and another close to the Yuma Water and Light Company's powerhouse.

### 487 PEOPLE FOR A SINGLE COUNTY

**The Cold Weather Has Turned All Eyes Toward Land of Summer.**

PEOPLE ARE LOOKING FOR LOCATIONS WITH THE INTENTION OF REMAINING HERE PERMANENTLY—THE GULF COAST SECTION GETS LARGEST SHARE OF ATTENTION.

Chicago, Feb. 10.—There is to be a rush of people into the south and southwest, if the inquiries now being received by the western railroads regarding "homeseekers' excursions" signify much. One mail in a single railway office has contained over a hundred letters, all asking about soil and climate and other things that go to make up life in the rural districts. The movement is not confined to the southwest, but southern states like Alabama, Florida and Mississippi are receiving a great deal of attention. On one line alone 487 passengers with homeseekers' tickets have left Chicago in the last six weeks for a single county in Alabama. Reports to the officials indicate that many of these people will remain in the south permanently, as they have made locations.

Vast tracts of land in southwestern Kansas, which have been devoted heretofore to stock, are now being divided up for farms. Oklahoma is getting its full share of homeseekers, while Texas is receiving more newcomers than for a number of years.

### BROOKLYN LAWYER DIES A FUGITIVE

AFTER A LIFE OF LUXURY HE BECOMES PENNILESS AND BROKEN IN HEALTH AND HONOR.

New York, Feb. 10.—News has been received here from Berlin of the death of Adrian Van Sinderen, once a well known Brooklyn attorney. During 14 years he has lived abroad in seclusion—a fugitive from justice.

In 1891, after a quarter of a century of luxury and prominence, he was accused of having robbed an estate early in his career as a lawyer of \$63,000. He was indicted here, but fled before he could be arrested.

A dozen years ago a man bearing the same name died in a Long Island town, and misleading information was given to make it appear that the alleged defaulter was dead.

Broken in health and penniless as he was, no serious attempt had been made to capture the fugitive.

### RECEPTION TO GEN'L MCARTHUR

ON EVE OF HIS DEPARTURE FOR THE ORIENT TO WATCH THE RUSSO-JAPANESE WAR.

San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 10.—The California Commandery of the Loyal Legion has bidden farewell to Major General Arthur McArthur, at a reception and banquet here. The general is about to leave for the Orient, having been commanded by the president to observe the operations of the Japanese-Russian war in Manchuria.

Among the speakers were a number of prominent government officials and officers of the army and navy.

### TAILORS TAKE VOTE ON SICK BENEFIT PROPOSITION.

Bloomington, Ill., Feb. 10.—The general secretary of the Journeymen Tailors was instructed by the convention to submit three sick benefit propositions to a referendum vote of the membership, the first involving optional benefits, the second compulsory and the third no sick benefits at all.

The general executive board was given authority to declare a levy of 25 cents on each member on February 1 and August 1 of every year. In long continued strikes the board will hereafter have power to declare a levy not to exceed 50 cents by each local to be paid within 30 days, less than six weeks the strike benefits are to be \$1 per day and more than six weeks \$1.50 per day.

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